

# MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

### 1 NAME

HISTORIC

Reynolds-Tosh H0use

AND/OR COMMON

### 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Route 273 1/2 mile east of Harrisville

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Rising Sun

☒ VICINITY OF

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STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Cecil

### 3 CLASSIFICATION

#### CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

☐ STRUCTURE

☐ SITE

☐ OBJECT\*

#### OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

☐ BOTH\*

#### PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS

☐ BEING CONSIDERED

#### STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

☐ UNOCCUPIED

☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

#### ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED

☐ NO

#### PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE

☐ MUSEUM

☐ COMMERCIAL

☐ PARK

☐ EDUCATIONAL

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

☐ ENTERTAINMENT

☐ RELIGIOUS

☐ GOVERNMENT

☐ SCIENTIFIC

☐ INDUSTRIAL

☐ TRANSPORTATION

☐ MILITARY

☐ OTHER:

### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

J. S. Tosh

Telephone #:

658-6191

STREET & NUMBER

2900 Tome Highway

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

☒ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21911

### 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Liber #: WAS 106

Folio #: 519

STREET & NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

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The Reynolds-Tosh House c. 1870 is a 2½ story two bay by two room frame house with twin cross gables on Maryland Route 273 just east of Harrisville crossroads. The house faces north with an east/west gable orientation.

The frame rests on a full fieldstone foundation and is sheathed with aluminum siding over weatherboard. The steeply pitched slate roof has extended eaves and sloped soffits.

The first floor of the north elevation is covered with a shed roof porch that extends around to the east end. The porch is supported by turned posts with a stick balustrade between each post. Fenestration includes a double single pane set of windows in the eastern bay and a single 1/1 sash in the western opening. The second floor has the same sash only in opposite bays. Each cross gable has a 2/2 attic light.

The main entrance is through the east wall. The door is a replacement, and adjacent first floor window light the back room and two single pane sash light the second floor. The attic has another 2/2 attic light. The most curious and interesting feature of this house is cemented into the fieldstone foundation of the east end. A 1733 datestone with the initials H and A Reynolds is centered in the foundation wall. Presumably the earlier house was on the property and torn down. However they saved the datestone and placed it in their new house.

The west gable end wall has two single pane sash on each floor and a attic light.

The south facade is basically the same with only one central cross gable and a later shed kitchen addition. A brick stove stack does rise out of the center of the main block.

The interior has been basically remodeled but some late 19th century woodwork remains.

Outbuildings include a mid to late 19th century board and batten frame barn with gabled entrance and earthen ramp. A corn crib and garage are also included in the complex.

**CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The third quarter of the 19th century 2½ story twin gabled frame house is an unusual variation to the straight forward Cecil County houses from the same period. This structure unfortunately has been stripped of any ornament it once had. The 1733 datestone is one of the earliest on record and serves to document an early building site.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

ORGANIZATION Paul B. Touart  
Cecil County Committee

DATE  
10/6/81

STREET & NUMBER  
Ceilc County Courthouse

TELEPHONE  
398-0200

CITY OR TOWN  
Elkton

STATE  
Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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NR HARRISVILLE  
REPLACED DATESTONE

3/79 PBT

NEG. / MR. HIST TRUST

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